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Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 3:07 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: FW: Electronic Waste

This looks like yours, Becky.

Mary

-----Original Message-----From: Miller, Mark

Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2002 2:37 PM

To: Gibson-Glass, Mary **Subject:** Electronic Waste

Ms Gibson-Glass,

Attached are drafting instructions for requiring producers of electronic equipment sold in Wisconsin to assume responsibility for insuring that hazardous materials associated with these products does not enter the waste stream. Will you arrange to have this proposal drafted? Thank you.

Mark Miller

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Producer Accountability for Electronic Waste

Drafting Instructions
Mark Miller
12/19/02

I. DEFINITIONS

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As used in this act, the following terms shall have the meaning provided for herein:

"Producer," means any person irrespective of the sales techniques or channels used to sell their products, including means of distance communication, that:

- manufacturers and sells electronic equipment under its own brand;
- resells under its own brand equipment produced by other suppliers, a reseller not being regarded as the producer if the brand of the actual manufacturer appears on the equipment;
- imports electronic equipment for first sale in this state

"Electronic equipment," means equipment which is dependent on electric currents or electromagnetic fields in order to work properly, contains a circuit board, and contains one or more hazardous substances including lead, mercury, cadmium, beryllium, hexavalent chromium, or brominated flame retardants, and such other hazardous substances as may be determined by the [authorized regulatory official].

"Electronic waste," means electronic equipment which has been discarded, become obsolete, ceased to function, is no longer wanted by its owner, or for any other reason enters the collection, recovery, treatment, processing or recycling system.

"Orphan waste," means electronic waste manufactured by or bearing the brand name of a company which is no longer in business as of the effective date of the requirements of this act.

"Historic waste," means electronic equipment which became electronic waste prior to the effective date of the requirements of this act, the producer of which is still in business.

"Plan," means the plan for producer financed collection, recovery, and recycling of electronic waste as provided for in Section III.

"Recycling," means the reprocessing of the waste materials for the original purpose or for other purposes, but excluding energy recovery or energy generation by means of combusting electronic waste with or without other waste.

"Re-use," means any operation by which electronic waste or components thereof are used for the same purpose for which they were conceived, including the

continued use of the equipment or components thereof which are returned to collection points, recyclers, or producers.

II. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PRODUCERS

Within 24 months following the effective date of this measure, brand owners, producers, and original equipment manufacturers of electronic equipment, as defined herein, shall be responsible for implementing a program for financing the environmentally-sound collection, treatment, recovery, and final disposition of discarded and obsolete electronic equipment, including orphan and historic waste.

Producers are responsible for financing the environmentally sound management of the waste from its own products, but may execute this obligation through collective or individual financing schemes.

The responsibility for financing the management of orphan and historic waste equipment shall be shared proportionally to each producer's respective share of the market, by product type, at the time waste management costs are incurred. This proportional responsibility for orphan and historic waste maybe adjusted by the [state agency] on an annual basis.

Consumers and equipment end users may be responsible for delivering electronic waste into the collection system, as may be provided for in the producer's program Plan, though producers are encouraged to include direct collection or reverse delivery systems in the recovery and reverse logistics systems. Consumers must be able to return electronic waste at least free of charge.

Producers failing to implement financial responsibility program within the time provided for in this act shall be prohibited from selling in this state.

III. SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PLAN

Within 6 months of the effective date of this measure, producers of electronic equipment sold in this state shall submit to the Department of Natural Resources for approval a program plan designed to meet their responsibilities under this act. In order to be approved, such a plan must, at a minimum, provide for the following:

- 1. a plan for financing the collection, treatment, recovery, re-use, and disposition of all products sold by that producer in the state following the effective date of their financial obligation;
- 2. a plan for financing that producer's share of orphan and historic waste in this state as of the effective date of their financial obligation;
- 3. a plan for meeting the product recovery and materials reuse and recycling rates as provided for in this measure;
- 4. a plan for meeting the labeling, consumer notification, and public education requirements of this measure that are necessary to ensure the protection of electronics users, processors and recyclers, and ensure participation in the producer's product recovery program;

- 5. documentation of the willingness of all necessary parties involved in the producer's product recovery program to implement the proposed collection, handling, treatment, recovery, re-use and recycling system, and assurance that all take back and materials management systems will comply with all applicable existing environmental laws and regulations in this state;
- 6. a description of the performance measures to be used and reported by the producer to demonstrate that the collection system is meeting recovery and recycling rates, as well as other measures of the program's effectiveness;
- 7. a description of the alternative or additional actions that will be implemented by the producer to improve the collection, recovery and recycling systems in the event that the program targets are not met.

Within 12 months of the effective date of this measure, or upon approval of the producer's program Plan, whichever is sooner, producers of electronic equipment sold in this state shall provide to the department a financial guarantee equal to [tbd] to ensure that no costs for program evaluation, enforcement, or for the management of orphan and historic waste is borne by taxpayers.

Any producer which fails to meet any of the requirements of this section within the time allotted in this act shall be prohibited from selling electronic equipment to any agency or unit of this state.

IV. BAN ON INCINERATION AND LANDFILLING OF COVERED PRODUCTS

Electronic equipment and electronic waste covered by this act may not be disposed of in landfills, incinerators, cement kilns or other forms of energy recovery or energy generation dependent on combustion of electronic waste.

This ban on disposal shall apply to whole units of electronic waste as well as to the constituent sub-units and/or materials from which the units are made.

V. RESTRICTIONS ON HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Within five years of the effective date of this measure, producers selling electronic equipment in this state must phase out the use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, brominated flame retardants, and polyvinyl chloride and only offer for sale products that contain less harmful alternatives. If a producer provides sufficient demonstration to the department that it is technically impossible to find an alternative, a limited term exemption may be issued. An exemption can be rescinded once it becomes possible to eliminate the substance. If the exemption is granted, the department must assign a limited amount of time before the exemption expires to insure that producers are investing in research and development to identify an appropriate alternative.

VI. LABELING, CONSUMER NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Within twelve months of the effective date of this act, electronic equipment sold in this state must be clearly marked and/or labeled, or informational materials provided with the new product, providing consumers and end users with information relating to the following:

- the hazardous materials contained in the electronic equipment and the parts or sub-units containing the particular substances;
- the requirements not to dispose of electronic equipment in landfills, incinerators or any other means not approved as part of the producer's financial responsibility program plan;
- a toll-free phone number and/or web site URL where consumers can obtain information and instructions about the safe disposition of the electronic product through the producer's financial responsibility program plan.

As part of an approved program Plan, a producer selling electronic equipment in this state must take appropriate steps to implement a consumer education plan that is designed to ensure that consumers and users of electronic equipment understand:

- the prohibition on disposal of electronic waste by any means not included as part of the producer's approved program Plan;
- the electronic waste return and collection systems available to them;
- the potential effects on the environment and human health as a result of the presence of hazardous substances contained in electronic equipment and the dangers of improper disposal; and
- the consumers' and/or users' roles in contributing to the re-use, recycling, and other forms of electronic waste recovery.

Within 24 months following implementation of the producer's financial responsibility program, each producer must demonstrate that it has achieved a level of 85% public awareness of the program for each of its covered product categories through independent public polling. Producers may collectively undertake such a demonstration of public awareness so long as the polling instrument is designed to identify public awareness of a majority of producers' programs or a majority of the electronic equipment types covered by this act. The design, protocols and implementation plan for the opinion polling required in this section must be approved by the department.

As part of an approved program Plan, and in order to facilitate the correct and environmentally sound treatment of electronic waste, producers must demonstrate adequate measures to provide information to recyclers and processors for their electronic equipment. Within one year after new electronic equipment enters the market, producers shall provide new information to recyclers and processors regarding the end of life treatment of the new product relating to disassembly, material content, and safety concerns.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Equipment recovery and recycling

Orphan and historic waste: For orphan and historic waste, as defined in Section I, producers are responsible for demonstrating:

- within 2 years of effective date of financial responsibility, collection of electronic waste equal to or greater than 2 kilograms/person/year in this state and re-use/recycling of electronic waste equal to 1.5 kilograms/person/year; and,
- within 5 years of effective date of financial responsibility, collection of electronic waste equal to 4 kilograms/person in this state and re-use/recycling of electronic waste equal to 3.5 kilograms/person/year.

<u>Electronic waste generated after effective date</u>: For electronic waste generated after the effective date of financial responsibility, producers are responsible for demonstrating:

- within 2 years of effective date of financial responsibility, recovery equal to 75% (by number) of their products sold in this state and 65% re-use/recycling of the components and materials contained in their products; and
- within 5 years of effective date of financial responsibility, recovery equal to 90% (by number) of their products sold in this state and 95% re-use/recycling of the components and materials contained in their products.

As an alternative to the above, producers may substitute the following standard for those areas where the meeting the above standard iis diffcult to accomplish or document:

Producers selling electronic products in this state under an approved plan for producer financed collection, recovery and recycling of electronic waste must provide:

- within 2 years of financial responsibility, 3 collection and recovery points per 10,000 persons population [?];
- within 5 years of financial responsibility, 6 collection and recovery points per 10,000 persons population [?]

All persons collecting, recovering, and recycling electronic waste as part of an approved producer financed plan must protect the health and safety of their workers and contractors by:

- providing clear evidence of compliance with all state and federal occupational safety and health laws and regulations;
- performing routine industrial hygiene monitoring and quarterly reporting for all facilities for all hazardous materials of concern, including but not limited to monitoring for airborne lead and bromine, chlorine, and mercury compounds;
- performing routine human health monitoring and quarterly reporting (in accordance with all applicable privacy protections) for all workers and

contractors, including but not limited to blood testing for exposure to lead and bromine, chlorine, and mercury compounds.

Prison labor. No plan for producer financed collection, recovery and recycling of electronic waste may include reliance on prison labor unless all incarcerated workers involved in the processing and recycling of electronic waste are provided with compensation equivalent to market rate wages for the work performed and are afforded the protections of state occupational safety and health laws and regulations, as well as the additional worker safety and health protections required by this section.

Ban on Hazardous Waste Export: In order to be approved by [state agency], a producer's program Plan for financing the collection, recovery, treatment, processing, and recycling of electronic waste must forbid the export of electronic waste to countries which are not members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). As part of their annual program reports to the department], producers must document that the program has not resulted in the overseas export of electronic waste to any non-OECD country.

VIII. STATE PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASING

Within 6 months following passage of this act, the state and each of its units, departments, and agencies shall establish purchasing and procurement policies requiring vendors of electronic equipment sold to the state to take back electronic waste when the equipment becomes obsolete, is discarded or is otherwise taken out of service. State purchasing and procurement policies shall also establish a preference for electronic equipment that meets specified environmental performance standards relating to the reduction or elimination of hazardous materials.

IX. REPORTING, MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND PENALTIES

Program Plans required under Section III shall be submitted to, reviewed by, and approved by the department [DNR]. Plans will be evaluated based upon their sufficiency in light of all the required elements and the department shall develop a means for scoring initial submissions and providing feedback to producers for integration into their final plans.

Reports detailing performance of the producer's financial responsibility program and detailing compliance with all the requirements set forth above must be submitted annually to the department. All such reports are to be reviewed within six months of their submission and notices of deficiency or non-compliance provided by [the state agency] to producers by the end of the following quarter.

Annual reports required under this section and all other reports outlining the results of producer's program for the current year and two prior years must be made available to the general public through the internet.

The department may establish a multi-stakeholder Oversight and Advisory Committee to oversee program plan implementation, review annual reports, and recommended additions, modifications or deletions to the requirements of this act.

X. PRIVATE RIGHT OF ENFORCEMENT

Each person, including future generations, has the right to a healthful environment and protection from contamination resulting from disposal of electronic waste. Each person may enforce this right, as well as enforce the provisions and requirements of this act, against any party, government or private, through appropriate legal proceedings, including declaratory and equitable relief, civil penalties, and restoration damages, to protect the public health and environment of this state from pollution, impairment or destruction resulting from electronic waste.

"Environment" includes but is not limited to all the state's natural resources including land, air and water resources, and plant and animal species, and the habitat upon which they depend.

The court may award the full costs of litigation, including but not limited to reasonable expert witness and attorney's fees, to the plaintiffs should they prevail.

This provision is supplementary to existing rights and procedures provided by law.

XI. PRESUMPTION OF LIABILITY

Contamination of landfills with heavy metals including but not limited to lead, mercury, beryllium, and chromium, as well as contamination of the soil and groundwater surrounding landfills, in this state is presumed to result, unless proven otherwise, from the growing concentration of discarded electronic equipment in the municipal waste stream.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date for all provisions except for the state procurement and purchasing provisions shall be the date upon which substantially similar legislation is adopted by states representing 10% of the U.S. population. The Attorney General for Wisconsin shall determine and declare when this criteria is met. The Attorney General's declaration is subject to court review.

From:

Miller, Mark

Sent:

Friday, February 21, 2003 7:26 PM

To:

Tradewell, Becky

Cc:

Kuhn, Jamie

Subject:

electronic waste request, LRB 1238/?

Importance: High

Ms Tradewell,

Will you update my office on the status of the requested legislation regarding responsibility for disposal of electronic waste (LRB 1238/?). I will be meeting with experts on Wednesday February 25 and would like to be able to either review the draft at that time or have any questions you have as the drafter available for decision. Thank you.

Mark Miller

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From: Miller, Mark

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2003 4:51 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: RE: electronic waste request, LRB 1238/?

Becky,

You posed a lot of good questions. Thank you for being so thorough. Many of your questions raise issues that did not occur to me when composing the instructions. This proposal is based on model legislation which is being considered in 12 other states. I will need to see which, if any, of these issues were addressed in any of those states.

Mark Miller

----Original Message-----From: Tradewell, Becky

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2003 3:31 PM

To: Miller, Mark **Cc:** Kuhn, Jamie

Subject: RE: electronic waste request, LRB 1238/?

Representative Miller,

I have attached a paper identifying issues concerning the drafting request concerning the disposal of electronic equipment. I have produced this in something of a hurry, so I hope that it is comprehensible. Please be aware that it is likely that other issues will arise during drafting. There also seem to be some legal matters that I will need to research, such as whether there may be Commerce Clause issues raised by this proposal.

I hope that this is helpful.

Becky Tradewell Managing Attorney Legislative Reference Bureau 266-7290

From: Miller, Mark

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2003 6:20 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky Subject: Electronic Waste

Ms Tradewell,

Attached are the responses to the issues you raised regarding the bill I requested to restrict electronic waste. I hope these changes are clear. Pleas contact me to clarify any questions. Thank you.

Mark Miller

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Issues concerning the proposal for producer accountability for electronic waste

I. Definitions

In the definition of "producer," what does "for first sale in this state" mean?

Do you intend to authorize DNR to promulgate rules specifying additional hazardous substances that would cause a piece of equipment to be covered by the proposal? (See the end of the definition of "electronic equipment.") Note that there may be practical difficulties in dealing with equipment that contains a hazardous substance that is added to the definition after this proposal takes effect if the equipment was manufactured before the hazardous substance is added to the definition.

The definition of "electronic waste" might be interpreted to include a piece of equipment that someone donates or sells to another user. If that is not intended, the definition should be clarified. It is not clear what the "collection, recovery, treatment, processing or recycling system" is.

II. Financial responsibility of producers

Most of this proposal applies to producers, but the first paragraph of this section of the proposal also imposes responsibility on brand owners and original equipment manufacturers. What are the specific requirements, if any, that are intended to be imposed on brand owners and original equipment manufacturers that are not producers (under the definition in Section I)?

The proposal indicates that a producer who fails to implement a financial responsibility program shall be prohibited from selling in this state. Other persons may sell a producer's products in this state even if the producer itself does not sell anything in this state. Would you want the prohibition to apply to other persons selling the products of a producer who fails to implement a financial responsibility program?

III. Submission and approval of financial responsibility plan

The proposal indicates that a plan must provide for financing the collection, etc., of all products sold by a producer in the state. Someone other than the producer may be selling the products in this state, so do you want this to refer to all of the producer's products that are sold in the state? By "products" I assume that the proposal means electronic equipment.

The proposal requires a producer to provide to DNR a financial guarantee to ensure that the costs for the program are not borne by taxpayers. It seems to me that there are two different kinds of costs to be considered. There are certain to be costs for program evaluation and for enforcement (which are mentioned in the proposal) and it seems that

there would be other administrative costs, such as for reviewing plans. Do you want to require producers to bear all of these costs? This kind of cost would typically be covered by fees. It is not clear to me whether the language about a "financial guarantee" contemplates payment of fees to DNR. The other costs mentioned by the proposal are "for the management of orphan and historic waste." This seems to contemplate costs that would be incurred only if the producers failed to carry out their responsibilities under the proposal. I am familiar with some statutes that require the provision of proof of financial responsibility (in forms such as letters of credit or surety bonds) by various entities. See for example ss. 93.35 (7), 100.175 (5) (a), 101.143 (6) (a), and 298.41. Is that the kind of requirement that you have in mind? Please note that the proposal does not indicate the amount of the financial guarantee that would be required.

The proposal indicates that a producer that fails to meet the requirements related to the financial responsibility plan and financial guarantee would be prohibited from selling electronic equipment to the state. I am confused about the difference between this penalty and the penalty in section Π .

IV. Ban on incineration and landfilling

The current recycling law restricts the disposal of various products in this state (including major appliances, defined in s. 287.01 (3), some of which are electronic equipment). See s. 287.07. There are exceptions to most of the restrictions. Am I correct in understanding that you want a ban on the landfilling and incineration of all electronic equipment and any part of a piece of electronic equipment without regard to whether that piece contains any hazardous substance?

What penalties would you want for a violation of the ban? The penalties for the current bans are in s. 287.95.

V. Restrictions on hazardous materials

I noticed that the list of hazardous materials in this section is almost the same as the list in the definition of electronic equipment. The only difference is that the definition includes beryllium (and possibly other substances identified by DNR). Is that your intent?

It appears that if a producer stops using the materials listed in this section (and does not use beryllium), then the equipment manufactured by the producer will no longer be subject to regulation under the rest of the proposal. Is that correct?

Again, this provision applies to producers selling electronic equipment in this state. Should the prohibition apply more broadly to the sale by any person of equipment containing the listed materials?

VI. Labeling, consumer notification and public education

What would happen if the required level of public awareness were not demonstrated?

VII. Environmental performance requirements

The requirements of this section are written in the plural and it is not clear to me what an individual producer is required to do. The amount of collection and reuse or recycling required in the provision related to orphan and historic waste looks to me as though it would be a total amount for all producers. If so, how would each producer show that it is doing its share? Or should some other showing be required?

Am I correct in assuming that each producer must make the demonstration concerning electronic waste generated after the effective date? How would the percentage requirement concerning reuse or recycling of components and materials be measured? (It does not seem as though measuring by number would work with components and materials.)

It looks like the alternative method of showing compliance, requiring a certain number of collection points, would be a total number of points for all producers. What would an individual producer be responsible for?

Would the reporting related to the health and safety of workers be made to DNR? The proposal requires monitoring and reporting for "all hazardous materials of concern." Who would determine which substances fall into that category? Would these requirements apply to workers in this state or more broadly?

I will need to do some research into Wisconsin's laws about work performed by persons in prison before I draft the language on prison labor. Is this part of the proposal intended to apply to work done in this state?

VIII. State procurement and purchasing

This section requires a preference for electronic equipment that meets "specified environmental performance standards." Is this meant to refer to existing standards? If so, which ones? If not, who should establish these standards?

IX. Reporting, monitoring, compliance, and penalties

Should the requirement to post reports on the Internet be imposed on DNR or on producers?

X. Private right of enforcement

Who would be liable for injuries caused by electronic waste? Would a person who produced electronic equipment before this proposal takes effect be liable? Would a

person who produces electronic equipment after this proposal takes effect and who complies with the requirements of the proposal be liable if someone else disposed of the equipment improperly? A person who placed electronic waste in a landfill before this proposal takes effect? I think that we need to make clear the legal effect intended by this language, if that effect extends beyond enforcing the provisions of the rest of the proposal.

XI. Presumption of liability

Is this intended to apply in a case (under the Superfund law, for example) involving contamination from a landfill in which the parties who generated the waste are trying to apportion liability among themselves? Again, I think we need to make clear the precise legal effect intended by this provision.

XII. Effective date

When the effectiveness of a law is made dependent on a finding, as in this proposal, it may be difficult for persons regulated by the law to know when the law takes effect. It might be helpful to require public notice of some kind.

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Producer Accountability for Electronic Waste

Response to Drafting Issues Tradewell memo 2/25/03 4/08/03

Issues concerning the proposal for producer accountability for electronic waste

I. Definitions

In the definition of "producer," what does "for first sale in this state" mean?

Replace draft definition with the following definition.

"'Producer', means any person who, as of the effective date of this act: (a) manufactures and sells electronic equipment under its own brand; (b) manufactures and sells electronic equipment without affixing a brand; or (c) resells equipment produced by other suppliers under its own brand. The term producer applies irrespective of sales techniques or channels used, including means of distance communication."

Do you intend to authorize DNR to promulgate rules specifying additional hazardous substances that would cause a piece of equipment to be covered by the proposal? (See the end of the definition of "electronic equipment.")

Yes.

Note that there may be practical difficulties in dealing with equipment that contains a hazardous substance that is added to the definition after this proposal takes effect if the equipment was manufactured before the hazardous substance is added to the definition.

When promulgating rules identifying a new hazardous material that will expand the category of electronic equipment subject to the provisions of the bill, DNR will, within its rules, specify the dates when producers of the equipment must comply with the date for submission of a plan, date for performance guarantee, and for implementation of the plan. Producers must be allowed at least six months for submission of a plan and submission of a performance guarantee, and a minimum of 12 months for implementation of its plan. The DNR may grant a waiver from the requirements of the bill for producers whose total annual share of electronic equipment sold in Wisconsin is less than 0.1% of the electronic equipment sold in the state. The DNR may determine the conditions of the waiver and impose penalties for a producer failure to comply with those conditions. The DNR may charge a fee for granting a waiver.

The definition of "electronic waste" might be interpreted to include a piece of equipment that someone donates or sells to another user. If that is not intended, the definition should be clarified.

The definition is not intended to cover donated or re-sold equipment. The present language should address that concern since donated or re-sold equipment would not have entered the system for processing and/or recycling.

It is not clear what the "collection, recovery, treatment, processing or recycling system" is.

Perhaps this phrase can be clarified by amending the final clause to read "or for any other reason is intended for recycling or has entered the solid waste stream."

Add a new definition:

"'Hazardous electronic waste', mean electronic equipment, components, constituent subunits or materials from which the subunits are made, that contain concentrations of toxic materials exceeding the regulatory levels established in Title 40 C.F.R. part 261.24 using the toxic characteristic leaching procedure."

II. Financial responsibility of producers

Most of this proposal applies to producers, but the first paragraph of this section of the proposal also imposes responsibility on brand owners and original equipment manufacturers. What are the specific requirements, if any, that are intended to be imposed on brand owners and original equipment manufacturers that are not producers (under the definition in Section I)?

Strike the terms "brand owner" and "original equipment manufacturers." The definition of producer is sufficient.

The proposal indicates that a producer who fails to implement a financial responsibility program shall be prohibited from selling in this state. Other persons may sell a producer's products in this state even if the producer itself does not sell anything in this state. Would you want the prohibition to apply to other persons selling the products of a producer who fails to implement a financial responsibility program?

Only "producers" are responsible. I do not intend to penalize retailers except as a result of brands they carry failing to meet their legal obligations in Wisconsin.

III. Submission and approval of financial responsibility plan

The proposal indicates that a plan must provide for financing the collection, etc., of all products sold by a producer in the state. Someone other than the producer may be selling the products in this state, so do you want this to refer to all of the producer's products that are sold in the state?

Yes, all electronic equipment the producer sells in the state.

By "products" I assume that the proposal means electronic equipment.

Yes, sorry.

Additional subsection of Section III (add to the enumerated list of plan requirements)

8. Annual sales data on the number and type of electronic products sold by the manufacturer in this state over the ten years preceding the filing of the plan for televisions, and five years preceding filing of the plan for computers and computer equipment, cell phones and other electronic equipment. A producer may choose to allow the DNR to estimate the producer's sales rather than submit sales data. DNR will add 10% of the estimated sales to determine the share for producers who choose

to allow DNR to estimate the sales. This effectively increases the liability for producers who choose this option while reducing the liability for producers who submit sales data.

The proposal requires a producer to provide to DNR a financial guarantee to ensure that the costs for the program are not borne by taxpayers. It seems to me that there are two different kinds of costs to be considered. There are certain to be costs for program evaluation and for enforcement (which are mentioned in the proposal) and it seems that there would be other administrative costs, such as for reviewing plans. Do you want to require producers to bear all of these costs?

Yes. All costs for administering the program are to be born by producers. DNR is authorized to establish a fee schedule for submission of plans and a periodic fee for participation in the program. The fee schedule should reflect the quantity of electronic waste generated in Wisconsin by the producer and be sufficient to cover the estimated cost to administer the program.

This kind of cost would typically be covered by fees. It is not clear to me whether the language about a "financial guarantee" contemplates payment of fees to DNR. The other costs mentioned by the proposal are "for the management of orphan and historic waste." This seems to contemplate costs that would be incurred only if the producers failed to carry out their responsibilities under the proposal. I am familiar with some statutes that require the provision of proof of financial responsibility (in forms such as letters of credit or surety bonds) by various entities. See for example ss. 93.35 (7), 100.175 (5) (a), 101.143 (6) (a), and 298.41. Is that the kind of requirement that you have in mind? Please note that the proposal does not indicate the amount of the financial guarantee that would be required.

I contemplate a surety bond provided by the producer to ensure the state is held harmless for costs associated with non-performance of legal obligations. I'm not sure what an appropriate amount should be, but a bond equal to the greater of \$300,000 or 10% of the producer's prior year's sales in Wisconsin might be sufficient. Any suggestions?

The proposal indicates that a producer that fails to meet the requirements related to the financial responsibility plan and financial guarantee would be prohibited from selling electronic equipment to the state. I am confused about the difference between this penalty and the penalty in section II.

A producer who fails to submit a plan of financial responsibility within 12 months of the bill's passage cannot sell to an agency of the state. This creates an incentive/disincentive for meeting their first obligation. A producer who fails to implement their approved plan for financial responsibility within 24 months following the bill's passage is prohibited from selling in Wisconsin. This creates an incentive for producers to put in place what they committed to in their plans.

IV. Ban on incineration and landfilling

The current recycling law restricts the disposal of various products in this state (including major appliances, defined in s. 287.01 (3), some of which are electronic equipment). See s. 287.07. There are exceptions to most of the restrictions. Am I correct in understanding that you want a ban on the landfilling and incineration of all electronic equipment and any

part of a piece of electronic equipment without regard to whether that piece contains any hazardous substance?

This is addressed by adding the definition of "Hazardous electronic waste" as per above, and by amending the opening line of this provision to read "Hazardous electronic waste covered by this act may not be disposed..." In addition, the following materials are banned from landfills as of [revisor inserts date that is January 1 at least 12 months from the adoption of the act] for the following items:

Televisions and video displays
Computer Monitors (CRTs and flat panels]
Desktop/tower computers
Laptop Computers
Printers
Portable phones
Rechargeable batteries from mobile phones and other portable electronic devices.

What penalties would you want for a violation of the ban? The penalties for the current bans are in s. 287.95.

The penalties for the current disposal bans are sufficient.

V. Restrictions on hazardous materials

I noticed that the list of hazardous materials in this section is almost the same as the list in the definition of electronic equipment. The only difference is that the definition includes beryllium (and possibly other substances identified by DNR). Is that your intent?

Yes.

It appears that if a producer stops using the materials listed in this section (and does not use beryllium), then the equipment manufactured by the producer will no longer be subject to regulation under the rest of the proposal. Is that correct?

Yes.

Again, this provision applies to producers selling electronic equipment in this state. Should the prohibition apply more broadly to the sale by any person of equipment containing the listed materials?

The prohibition should apply to the first sale – either the producer directly to the purchaser or the producer to the retailer for sale in Wisconsin. Retailers can not control the toxic content of products produced and sold by others and should not be held responsible.

VI. Labeling, consumer notification and public education

What would happen if the required level of public awareness were not demonstrated?

Add the following language to address this:

"If the required level of public awareness is not demonstrated, the producer or producers (if undertaken collectively by two or more producers) must submit to the DNR, within 3 months, a remedial plan for additional public education regarding their program or

programs for managing electronic waste. Within 12 months following submission of the remedial plan, the producer (or producers collectively) must demonstrate that it has achieved 85 percent public awareness. A second failure to meet the required level of public awareness shall result in a penalty of \$10,000 for each percentage point below the required 85 percent level."

VII. Environmental performance requirements

The requirements of this section are written in the plural and it is not clear to me what an individual producer is required to do. The amount of collection and reuse or recycling required in the provision related to orphan and historic waste looks to me as though it would be a total amount for all producers. If so, how would each producer show that it is doing its share? Or should some other showing be required?

Please see substitute language below. Responsibility for historic and orphan waste is collective responsibility, with each producer financially responsible for that portion of the historic and orphan waste equal to its then-current market share. This is implicit in an earlier section about financial responsibility for historic and orphan waste.

Am I correct in assuming that each producer must make the demonstration concerning electronic waste generated after the effective date? How would the percentage requirement concerning reuse or recycling of components and materials be measured? (It does not seem as though measuring by number would work with components and materials.)

Your assumption is correct for waste generated after the effective date – that is, each producer is individually responsible though has the option of undertaking a program in concert with one or more other producers. The substitute language below addresses the question about measurement. Prior additional language for the plan producers are required to submit will generate the necessary baseline information.

Substitute language

Equipment recovery and recycling

Orphan and historic waste: For orphan and historic waste, as defined in Section 1, producers selling electronic products in this state are responsible for demonstrating, on a collective basis

- within 2 years of the effective date of financial responsibility, collection of electronic waste equal to or greater than 2 kilograms per person per year in this state and is reusing or recycling at least 1.5 kilograms per person each year of that waste;
- within 5 years of effective date of financial responsibility, collection of electronic waste equal to 4 kilograms per person per year in this state and is re-using or recycling at least 3.5 kilograms per person per year of that waste.

Electronic waste generated after effective date: For electronic waste generated after the effective date of financial responsibility, each producer is responsible for demonstrating

- within 2 years of effective date of financial responsibility, recovery of electronic waste equal to 75 percent by number of the producer's products sold in this state and 65 percent reuse or recycling of the components and materials contained in their products;
- within 5 years of effective date of financial responsibility, recovery equal to 90
 percent by number of the producer's products sold in this state and reuse or
 recycling of 95% of the components and materials contained in their products.

Two or more producers selling electronic equipment in this state may join together to meet their responsibilities for electronic waste generated after the effective date of financial responsibility collectively. Producers meeting their equipment recovery and recycling obligations collectively shall meet the required percentages for the total number of products sold by the producers operating collectively.

It looks like the alternative method of showing compliance, requiring a certain number of collection points, would be a total number of points for all producers. What would an individual producer be responsible for?

Strike this alternative method.

Would the reporting related to the health and safety of workers be made to DNR?

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The proposal requires monitoring and reporting for "all hazardous materials of concern." Who would determine which substances fall into that category?

Should include those substances detailed in the section detailing restrictions on hazardous substances.

Would these requirements apply to workers in this state or more broadly?

For purposes of this legislation, the requirement would apply to workers in the state of Wisconsin.

I will need to do some research into Wisconsin's laws about work performed by persons in prison before I draft the language on prison labor. Is this part of the proposal intended to apply to work done in this state?

Yes, it would be difficult to reach work done in other states.

VIII. State procurement and purchasing

This section requires a preference for electronic equipment that meets "specified environmental performance standards." Is this meant to refer to existing standards? If so, which ones? If not, who should establish these standards?

DOA can establish the environmental performance standards. I adopting such standards, DOA will consider congruence with similar standards adopted by other states.

IX. Reporting, monitoring, compliance, and penalties

Should the requirement to post reports on the Internet be imposed on DNR or on producers?

It should be imposed on the producers, and the producers shall permit direct links to these reports from relevant pages of the DNR web site, without obligation on the DNR itself to post or manage the reports.

X. Private right of enforcement

Who would be liable for injuries caused by electronic waste? Would a person who produced electronic equipment before this proposal takes effect be liable? Would a person who produces electronic equipment after this proposal takes effect and who complies with the requirements of the proposal be liable if someone else disposed of the equipment improperly? A person who placed electronic waste in a landfill before this proposal takes effect? I think that we need to make clear the legal effect intended by this language, if that effect extends beyond enforcing the provisions of the rest of the proposal.

Delete private right of enforcement.

XI. Presumption of liability

Is this intended to apply in a case (under the Superfund law, for example) involving contamination from a landfill in which the parties who generated the waste are trying to apportion liability among themselves? Again, I think we need to make clear the precise legal effect intended by this provision.

Delete the presumption of liability.

XII. Effective date

When the effectiveness of a law is made dependent on a finding, as in this proposal, it may be difficult for persons regulated by the law to know when the law takes effect. It might be helpful to require public notice of some kind.

Note that the landfill prohibition for specific items (added) is also not dependent on a finding. What do you recommend in terms of notice? I would think that an effective date 90 days after public notice should be sufficient.

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Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2003 10:11 AM

To: Tradewell, Becky

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Subject: E-waste legislation in other states

Ms Tradewell,

E-waste legislation has been introduced in over 20 states. The states which have introduced legislation most similar to my request are ME, MN, RI, VT, and WA.

Links to the legislation in these states are listed below. The MN Senate recently passed the bill out of their house.

Maine http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?LD=743
Minnesota http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/cgi-bin/getbill.pl?
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AN ACT ...; relating to: the disposal of electronic equipment, producer responsibility for electronic devices that are discarded, state purchasing of electronic equipment, granting rule—making authority, making an appropriation, and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This is a preliminary draft. An analysis will be provided in a later version.

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The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.370 (2) (hg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.370 (2) (hg) Producer responsibility for electrowaste. All moneys received under s. 287.17 (6) and (14) for the cost of administering the electronic waste program under ss. 287.07 (5) and (6) and 287.17.

SECTION 2. 287.07 (5) of the statutes created to read:

1	287.07 (5) Electronic devices. Beginning on January 1 of the first year that
2	begins at least 365 days after the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts
3	date], no person may dispose of any of the following in a solid waste disposal facility:
4	(a) A television or a video display.
5	(b) A computer monitor.
6	(c) A computer.
7	(d) A printer.
8	(e) A mobile telephone.
9	(f) A rechargeable battery from a mobile telephone or other portable electronic
10	device.
11	(6) HAZARDOUS ELECTRONIC WASTE. (a) In this subsection:
12	1. "Electronic equipment" has the meaning given in s. 287.17 (1) (c).
13	2. "Hazardous electronic waste" means a piece of electronic equipment, a
14	component of electronic equipment, or a material removed from electronic
15	equipment if, using the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure specified in 40
16	CFR 261.24, the extract from a representative sample of the electronic equipment,
17	component, or material contains any of the contaminants listed in 40 CFR 261.24,
18	table 1, at a concentration equal to or greater than the value given in that table.
19	(b) Beginning on the effective date under s. 287.17 (2) (b), no person may do any
20	of the following:
21	1. Dispose of hazardous electronic waste in a solid waste disposal facility.
22	2. Convert hazardous electronic waste into fuel.
23	3. Burn hazardous electronic waste in a solid waste treatment facility.
24	SECTION 3. 287.17 of the statutes is created to read:

1	287.17 Producer accountability for electronic waste. (1) Definitions.
2	In this section:
3	(a) "Covered electronic equipment" means electronic equipment that contains
4	one or more of the following substances:
5	1. Lead.
6	2. Mercury.
7	3. Cadmium.
8	4. Beryllium.
9	5. Hexavalent chromium.
10	6. Brominated flame retardants.
11	7. Any other substance specified by the department under sub. (12) .
12	(b) "Covered electronic waste" means covered electronic equipment that has
13	been discarded. "Covered electronic waste" does not include electronic equipment
14	that has been donated for reuse or sold for reuse.
15	(c) "Electronic equipment" means equipment that requires electric current or
16	electromagnetic fields to function and that contains a circuit board.
17	(d) "Orphan covered waste" means covered electronic equipment to which
18	either of the following applies:
19	1. If the covered electronic equipment becomes covered electronic waste on or
20	after the effective date under sub. (2) (b), the covered electronic equipment becomes
21	covered electronic waster in this state at a time when the producer of the covered
22	electronic equipment is out of business or does not sell covered electronic equipment
23	in this state.
24)	2. If the covered electronic equipment becomes covered electronic waste before
25	the effective date under sub. (2) (b), the producer of the covered electronic equipment

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1	is out of business or does not sell covered electronic equipment in this state on the
2	effective date under sub. (2) (b).
3	(e) "Producer" means a person that does any of the following:
4	1. Manufactures and sells covered electronic equipment under its own brand.
5	2. Manufactures and sells covered electronic equipment without affixing a
6	brand.
7	3. Resells covered electronic equipment manufactured by others under the
8	person's own brand.
9	(f) "Program" means the actions that are taken to carry out a plan approved
10	under sub. (4).
11	(g) "Recycling" means processing waste materials to prepare them to be used
12	for the same or a different use. "Recycling" does not include burning waste with or
13	without energy recovery.
14	(h) "Reuse" means to use covered electronic equipment or a component of
15	covered electronic equipment for its original use.
16	(2) Effective date. (a) The attorney general shall determine when legislation
17	substantially similar to subs. (3) to (14) is adopted by states whose total population,
18	including this state's population, equals at least 10% of the population of the United
19	States, based on the most recent federal decennial census. The attorney general
20	shall notify the department and publish a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, of the
21	determination and give any other notice of the determination that the attorney
22	general determines is appropriate.
23	(b) The effective date for subs. (3) to (14) and s. 287.07 (6) is the first day of the

4th month beginning after the attorney general publishes the notice under par. (a).

(1)	(c) The determination of the attorney general under par. (a) is subject to review
2	in court.
3	(3) Plan. (a) Except as provided under sub. (13), no later than the first day of
4	the 6th month beginning after the effective date under sub. (2) (b), a producer that
5	sells covered electronic equipment in this state shall submit to the department a plan
6	that includes all of the following:
7	1. Provisions, designed to achieve the performance requirements in sub. (7) ($\overset{\checkmark}{a}$),
8	under which the producer finances the collection, transportation, and reuse,
9	recycling, treatment, or disposal, in a manner that is consistent with all
10	requirements under state law, of covered electronic equipment sold by the producer
	is discarded that becomes covered electronic waste in this state.
12	2. Provisions, designed to achieve the performance requirements in sub. (7) (b),
13	under which the producer finances the collection, transportation, and reuse,
14	recycling, treatment, or disposal, in a manner that is consistent with all
15)	requirements under state law, of the producer's share of approaches as determined
(16)	under sub. (7) (c) of orphan covered woote
17	3. Provisions to ensure compliance with the worker protection requirements in
18	sub. (7) (d) and (e).
19	4. Provisions for meeting the labeling requirements in sub. (8).
20	5. Provisions for meeting the consumer education requirements in sub. (9).
21	6. Provisions for meeting the requirements for providing information to
22	recyclers in sub. (10).
23	7. A description of actions that will be implemented by the producer if the
24	provisions under subd. 1.or 2. fail to achieve the performance requirements in sub.
25	(7) (a) or (b)

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8. Documentation that all persons whose participation is needed to implement
the provisions under subds. 1. and 2. are willing to participate.

- 9. One of the following:
- a. Information concerning the number of televisions sold by the producer in this state during each of the 10 years before the year in which the producer submits the plan and information concerning the number and type of computers, mobile telephones, and other pieces of covered electronic equipment sold by the producer in this state during each of the 5 years before the year in which the producer submits the plan.
- b. A statement that the producer prefers to have the department estimate under sub. (7) (c) the producer's sales of covered electronic equipment in this state.
- 10. A provision forbidding the export of covered electronic waste collected under the plan to any country that is not a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- (b) A producer may not include in a plan under par. (a) a requirement that persons who wish to discard covered electronic equipment pay a fee to discard the covered electronic equipment, but may require those persons to deliver covered electronic equipment to a collection point.
- (c) A producer may provide for a person other than the producer to implement portions of a plan under par. (a) and may provide for implementation of portions of a plan jointly with other producers.
- (4) REVIEW OF PLAN. The department shall review a plan submitted under sub.

 (3) to determine whether the plan complies with the requirements of that subsection.

 The department shall notify a producer of any deficiencies in the producer's plan.

 If an original or modified plan complies with the requirements of sub. (3), the

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department shall approve the plan. If a producer fails to remedy deficiencies in the
producer's plan by a deadline set by the department, the department shall
disapprove the plan and the producer may not sell covered electronic equipment in
this state.

- (5) IMPLEMENTATION. Upon approval under sub. (4) of a producer's plan, the producer shall begin to implement the plan. A producer shall fully implement its plan no more than 12 months after the department approves the plan under sub. (4).
- (6) PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Except as provided under sub. (13), a producer may not sell covered electronic equipment in this state beginning on the first day of the 12th month beginning after the effective date under sub. (2) (b) or on the first day of the 2nd month beginning after the approval of the producer's plan under sub. (4), whichever is earlier, unless the producer files with the department a surety bond in an amount equal to \$300,000 or 10% of the dollar amount of the sales of covered electronic equipment by the producer in this state in the year before the producer files the bond, whichever is greater, conditioned on the performance by the producer of all of the requirements of this section.
- (7) PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. (a) To achieve the performance requirements for covered electronic equipment sold by the producer that becomes covered electronic wasterin this state, a producer must demonstrate all of the following:
- 1. That, no later than the first day of the 24th month beginning after approval of the producer's plan under sub. (4), the number of pieces of covered electronic equipment collected through the producer's program annually equals at least 75% of the number of pieces of covered electronic equipment produced by the producer that are sold in this state annually and that the program annually results in the

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reuse or recycling of at least 65% of the components and materials contained in the covered electronic equipment that is collected.

- 2. That, no later than the first day of the 60th month beginning after approval of the producer's plan under sub. (4), the number of pieces of covered electronic equipment collected through the producer's program annually equals at least 90% of the number of pieces of covered electronic equipment produced by the producer that are sold in this state annually and that the program annually results in the reuse or recycling of at least 95% of the components and materials contained in the covered electronic equipment that is collected.
- (b) To achieve the performance requirements for orphan electroning waste, a producer must demonstrate the following:
- 1. That, no later than the first day of the 24th month beginning after approval of the producer's plan under sub. (4), the amount of orphan electronic waste collected through the producer's program annually equals at least the producer's share, determined under par. (c), of 2 kilograms per resident of this state and that the program annually results in the reuse or recycling of at least the producer's share of 1.5 kilograms of the orphan electronic waste.
- 2. That, no later than the first day of the 60th month beginning after approval of the producer's plan under sub. (4), the amount of orphan electronic waste collected through the producer's program annually equals at least the producer's share, determined under par. (c), of 4 kilograms per resident of this state and that the program annually results in the reuse or recycling of at least the producer's share of 3.5 kilograms of the orphan electronic waste.
- (c) The department shall determine each producer's share for the purposes of par. (b) based on the producer's market share of sales of covered electronic

equipment. If a producer does not provide the information under sub. (3) (a) 9. a.,
the department shall increase its estimate of the producer's market share by 10%,
and adjust its estimates of the market shares of producers who provide that
information accordingly. The department may adjust its determinations of market share annually.
share annually.

- (d) A producer shall include in its plan submitted under sub. (3) provisions to ensure that employers of workers who perform activities necessary to collect, transport, reuse, recycle, treat, or dispose of covered electronic waste under the producer's program protect the health and safety of those workers by doing all of the following:
- 1. Providing to the department of workforce development evidence of compliance with state and federal occupational safety and health requirements.
- 2. Performing monitoring of the employers' facilities for all of the substances under sub. (1) (a) 1. to 7. and reporting the results of the monitoring to the department of workforce development every 3 months.
- 3. Performing human health monitoring of all workers, including blood testing for lead, bromine, chlorine, and mercury compounds, and reporting the results of the monitoring to the department of workforce development every 3 months.
- (e) A producer shall include in its plan submitted under sub. (3) provisions to ensure that prison labor is not used to collect, transport, reuse, recycle, treat, or dispose of covered electronic waste under the producer's program unless all of the following apply:
- 1. The prisoners are provided with compensation equivalent to market wages for the work performed.

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2. The prisoners are afforded protections that are at least) equal to those
provided under this state's occupational health and safety laws and rules, in addition
to the protections under par. (d).
(8) LABELING. Beginning on the first day of the 12th month beginning after the

- (8) LABELING. Beginning on the first day of the 12th month beginning after the date on which a producer's plan is approved under sub. (4), a producer may not sell covered electronic equipment in this state unless the equipment is labeled with the following information or is accompanied by written material to be provided to the user of the equipment that contains the following information:
- (a) A description of which of the substances under sub. (1) (a) 1. to 7. are contained in the covered electronic equipment and of the parts that contain those substances.
 - (b) A description of the prohibitions in s. 287.07 (5) and (6).
- (c) A toll-free telephone number or the address of an Internet site that users of covered electronic equipment can use to obtain information and instructions about disposing of the covered electronic equipment through the producer's program.
- (9) CONSUMER EDUCATION. A producer shall include in a plan submitted under SUDO (3) provisions for educational activities that are designed to ensure that users of covered electronic equipment understand all of the following:
 - (a) The prohibitions in s. 287.07 (5) and (6).
- (b) The potential effects on human health and the environment of the substances listed in sub. (1) (a) 1. to 7. and the dangers of improper disposal of covered electronic equipment.
- (c) The available options for discarding covered electronic equipment, including those under the producer's program.

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- (d) The role of users of covered electronic equipment in achieving the reuse, recycling, and other proper disposal of covered electronic equipment.
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18	4. Hexavalent chromium.
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20	6. Polyvinyl chloride.
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22	under par. (a) with respect to a substance if a producer demonstrates to the
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History: 1975 c. 41; 1977 c. 418; 1981 c. 20, 350; 1983 a. 92; 1983 a. 333 ss. 3c, 3g, 3n; 3w; 1985 a. 29 ss. 122g, 3200 (1); 1985 a. 332; 1987 a. 119, 292; 1989 a. 31, 335; 1991 a. 39, 269; 1995 a. 27, 227; 1997 a. 27, 212; 1999 a. 9, 32, 105; 2001 a. 16.

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Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2003 10:10 AM

To: 'Rebecca Tradewell'

Cc: 'Rep.Miller'; 'Kuhn, Jamie'

Subject: Revisions to, comments on LRB1238, electronics recycling

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I just confirmed the meeting now for NOON on Friday 10/17.

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Wisconsin electronics recycling draft legislation (LRB 1238)

RE: Drafter's cover memo

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RE: Amendments to draft bill text - LRB 1238

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Page 4, line 21, "Covered electronic waste" - Amend this to read

50e p.12, [mes12-19 "Covered electronic waste" means covered electronic equipment that has become obsolete been taken out of service, or has been relinquished for recycling or disposal but has not yet entered a solid waste disposal or solid waste treatment facility. 'Covered electronic waste' does not include electronic equipment that has been donated for re-use or sold for re-use."

Page 4, line 24, insert definition of "Historic waste"

"Historic covered waste" means covered electronic equipment which was first sold prior to the effective date of this act and has become covered electronic waste, the producer of which is still in business.

Page 5, line 1, "Orphan covered waste" - Amend to read

"Orphan covered waste" means historic waste the producer of which is no longer in business.

Page 5, line 11, "Producer"

This bill does not intend to include persons who re-manufacture and re-sell covered electronic equipment. That is, the financial responsibility provisions should still apply to the producer who offers the product for first sale, and not a person who is extending the life of products through remanufacturing and re-use. To this end, please insert the following:

"4. This definition does not include any person who re-manufactures and re-sells covered electronic waste."

Page 5, line 24 – page 6, line 9 – replace this section with language declaring an effective date set at 24 months following the date of enactment.

Page 7, line 8 – 9, strike current language and replace with

"8. Documentation, such as contracts, letters of intent, and/or memoranda of understanding, that all persons whose participation is needed to implement the provisions under subds . 1 or 2 have agreed to participate."

Page 7, lines 19-21, strike the current language regarding export prohibitions and substitute with one of the following

[Prohibition on export]

"No person can export to a non-OECD country:

- a) non-working hazardous electronic wastes, and
- b) working hazardous electronic wastes unless they are certified as working and are destined for direct re-use

Producers must report to the DNR providing documentation that their program, including downstream buyers and contractors, has not resulted in prohibited overseas export."

D see sub. (11/(a)

OR

[Disclosure requirement]

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Page 7, lines 23 - 24 - clarify by amending to read as follows

"... persons who wish to discard covered electronic equipment to pay a fee at the time of disposal to discard the covered electronic equipment ..."

Page 8, lines 4 – 11, specify deadlines for department review and notification of producers, for instance review within 90 of submission, notify producer of approval or deficiencies within 30 days of completion

Page 9, lines 4 – 17, adjust recovery percentages to reflect the following goals and timetables

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- within 24 months of effective date, 50% collection with re-use/recycling of 50% of the collected components/materials
- within 48 months of the effective date, 75% collection with re-use/recycling of 75% of collected components/materials
- within 60 months of effective date, , 90% collection with re-use/recycling of 95% of collected components/materials

Page 9, line 18 - amend this line to read

"(b) To achieve the performance requirements for historic covered waste, a ..."

Moreover, change reference to "orphan covered waste" at page 9, line 25 and page 10, line 6 to "historic orphan waste."

Page 11, line 5 – limit this provision to prisons and prisoners in Wisconsin, by amending to read

"... ensure that prison labor <u>in Wisconsin</u> is not used to collected, transport, re-use, recycle, treat, or..."

page 11, line 13 - insert new subsection (f)

"(f) A producer's plan shall ensure that opportunities and locations for collection of covered electronic waste is convenient for all citizens"

[Ideally, the bill would mirror the DNR's current population density standard for recycling programs with the opportunity for a waiver from DNR if it is demonstrated that the collection and recovery locations and opportunities are in fact convenient to use.]

Page 12, line 19 - strike "with 12 months" and replace with "immediately"

Page 13, line 23 – page 14, line 8 – strike these lines (the requirement that producers demonstrate 85% public awareness of their product recovery and take-back programs)

Page 15, line 19 - page 16, line 3 - restriction on hazardous substances

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